

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1197

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Sickles

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections, Elections Subcommittee

4. Title: **Elections; voter registration; and electronic administration systems.**

5. Summary: Reduces the period of time that registration records must be closed before a general or primary election from 28 to 14 days beginning January 1, 2010. The bill also authorizes localities to acquire electronic administration systems such as electronic pollbooks that have been approved by the State Board of Elections for use in elections.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: State Board of Elections

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2008			
2009			
2010	(\$118,169)		General
2011	(\$118,169)		General
2012	(\$118,169)		General
2013	(\$118,169)		General

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications:

Wireless exception for transmitting results is not anticipated to produce immediate cost savings for the State Board of Elections. The above savings estimate is based on statewide use of electronic pollbooks. Savings would likely not be realized for the State Board of Elections prior to FY 2010 due to time necessary for statewide deployment of pollbooks.

State Board of Elections Cost Savings

Pollbook Printing Costs	\$	45,000
Shipping cost	\$	12,000
Pre-printed Paper Cost	\$	31,169
Voting Credit	\$	30,000
Total:	\$	118,169

After the purchase of electronic pollbooks by localities, the benefit in transmitting results via wireless communication would be immediate efficiency at the local level. This would be the

case when a locality has purchased voting equipment technology that allows them to transmit the results directly from the voting equipment located at the precinct to the registrar's office or another central location. Transmission via wireless technology would eliminate the need for land lines in the polling place area.

The additional days allowed for voter registration records to be submitted will not impact the State Board of Elections. Local registrar offices may be impacted, because they will be required to accept voter registration forms for an extra fourteen days.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Local electoral boards, State Board of Elections

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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